

Torrance, California  
May 24, 1945

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Special Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Thursday, May 24, 1945 at 1:00 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being  
Councilmen: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. Absent:  
Councilmen: None.

Being a Special Meeting, the regular order of business was dispensed with.

Mayor Tolson announced the purpose of the meeting, being "for the purpose of considering petition and application of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company for a temporary permit for a spur track across a portion of Arlington Avenue, across alley in Tract No. 3757 and across alley in Tract No. 3758."

Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1730

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A TEM-  
PORARY PERMIT FOR A RAILROAD SPUR  
TRACK TO CROSS ARLINGTON AVENUE.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Resolution No. 1730 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Cucci made the following statement before casting his vote:

"I would like to qualify my reason for giving a negative vote and for my attitude. \*\*I do think that the policy here in Torrance has always been that anyone, or group, might come in without consideration to the people or any consultation with the Governing Body. For that reason, I feel that we should set out an example here to keep anyone from coming in here and trampling roughshod over the people and Governing Body and arbitrarily put in their plans before anyone has a chance to contest them or get together. I say this for the reason that I was never consulted,

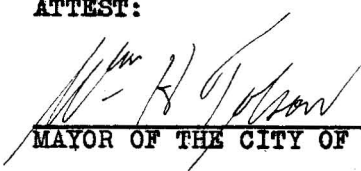
nor was any member of the Council, as to the Navy plans until a week ago and it's too late to start any action against it now. Everyone knows my action here has always been the foremost, so far as the prosecution of the war, and I can't help but feel that, inasmuch as the Navy does have access to other means for a spur track, I want to say that my vote will be no."

Mayor Tolson stated that the business for which this meeting was called is finished, unless it is desired to hear further oral discussion of the subject.

At 1:14 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Powell, the meeting adjourned.

  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

ATTEST:

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE